

St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School
Announcements - March 11th & 12th

ATTENDANCE CARDS

Please locate the Attendance Cards in your row and fill one out when you arrive. They will be collected during the offering. If you are visiting, please feel free to include your address and phone number. You may also include any prayer requests on the attendance card.

"THE SUPREMACY OF CHRIST"

When: Every Sunday at 9:50 am
Location: Room 132

Teacher: Pastor Drinnon

What is the most important thing in your life? Career, family, friends? While each of these are good gifts of God in our life, there is one person who reigns supreme in our lives as Christians. Please join us as we journey through the Letter to the Hebrews and explore how Christ is supreme over all things in our lives.

EASTER FLOWERS



Please see the enclosed order form and return as soon as possible. We have one week to collect orders this year so please don't delay!



LENTEN DEVOTIONS

The new Lenten devotion is now available at both the school and downtown church locations.

Man of Sorrows, People of Joy paints a revealing picture of Jesus as He winds His way to the cross. Using Matthew's Gospel as its source, we see Jesus as teacher, healer, comforter, and Savior. Our Shepherd's crucifixion and resurrection now make joy and true life available to His followers—to those who through faith entrust their lives to Him.

Our Lord Jesus, though divine in nature, took on human form and thus became intimately acquainted with our griefs and sorrow (see Isaiah 53:1-6). That God would send His Son to bear our sins and die on our behalf is testament to God's unbounded love—a love that declares believers innocent through the Savior's triumphant resurrection.

"CHRISTIANS IN A WOKE WORLD"

When: Every Sunday at 9:50 am

Location: Room 131

Teacher: Pastor Koeppen

"Woke" is a term used commonly today to refer to being "awake" as opposed to "asleep." If you are not "woke" you are asleep to issues of the day. To be "woke" means to be aware of and actively attentive to important societal facts and issues (especially issues of racial and social justice). On Sunday, March 5th, we started a Sunday morning Bible class using a study by Rev. Paul Dare titled: **"Christians In A Woke World."**

This is how Pastor Dare describes the study: ***A few years ago, I noticed our society had changed. Being a victim seemed to be in vogue. People were being "cancelled." Words like woke, social justice, systemic racism, privilege, and critical race theory became part of mainstream society. While many pundits and politicians have now begun to voice their concerns about this new ideology of "wokeness" and its impact on society, as a pastor, I'm also deeply concerned about the impact this ideology has on a person's relationship with Christ. After spending considerable time in study, Scripture, and prayer, the result is "Christians in a Woke World," a Bible Study that analyzes "wokeness" from a Biblical perspective. Above all, what***

this study reveals is God's answer to the challenge of "wokeness." He calls His people to demonstrate courage in the face of challenges, confess the faith and above all, share the love of His Son, Jesus, with all people.

This is not a study to attack any particular political party. Instead it is a study to consider a particular ideology and how we as Christians (and as a church) can respond in courage, confession, and love. We hope to see you there! ~Pastor Karl Koeppen

CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY
CHAMBER ORCHESTRA CONCERT



The Chamber Orchestra from Concordia University Chicago, under the direction of Dr. Maurice Boyer, will perform a concert at our school on

Monday, March 27th at 7 pm as part of the ensemble's Spring Tour. The concert is open to the public. Admission is free.

The Chamber Orchestra is the newest touring ensemble at Concordia University Chicago, blessing audiences with music made to the glory of God. For more information on the Chamber Orchestra and its tours and concerts, visit

<https://www.cuchicago.edu/academics/colleges/college-of-theology-arts--humanities/division-of-arts/music/music-ensembles/chamber-orchestra>.

TUESDAY ADULT BIBLE CLASS

When: Every Tuesday at 9:30 am

Location: Downtown, Fellowship Hall

Teacher: Roy Cordes

The Tuesday morning Bible class on the Holy Spirit will not be meeting this week as St. Paul's is hosting a Pastor's conference. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, March 21st at 9:30 am in Fellowship Hall.

Bible Study



“GOSPEL OF MARK” BIBLE STUDY

When: 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 6-8 pm

Location: Resource Room

Teacher: Pastor Drinnon

Mark's gospel is traditionally symbolized with a lion – recounting the first verses of the gospel, “The voice of one crying aloud in the wilderness.” In Mark, we see Christ coming to inaugurate the Kingdom of God through the preaching and teaching of who He is – the One who will be the ransom for many. So join us to dig deeper into Scripture and to grow in knowledge, faith, and service to our Lord Jesus Christ. This Bible study will be livestreamed and the link will be available on the **St. Paul's Lutheran Church & School Community Group** Facebook page.



THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

Don't leave FREE money on the table! If you have a Thrivent insurance policy or annuity product, you may be eligible to choose where Thrivent distributes a portion of its charitable outreach funding. **Call 1-800-THRIVENT (847-4836) by March 31st to direct your Choice Dollars to St. Paul's.**

YOUTH FUNDRAISER

Help the youth fund their next international mission trip and beautify your Easter table! St. Paul's Youth will be selling Nothing Bundt Cakes until this Monday, March 13th. Individual bundtlets are \$6. Choose from chocolate chip, red velvet, white chocolate raspberry, lemon, confetti, classic vanilla, carrot, snickerdoodle, strawberries & cream and gluten-free chocolate chip cookie! Look for their table between church services on Sundays, reach out to one of our youth, or contact the church office to place your order. Delivery will be April 4th, just in time for your Easter celebration!!



WE COOK, YOU EAT!



Join us this **Wed., March 15th** for our Lenten dinner, which will be served from **5:30 pm to 6:30 pm** in Fellowship Hall prior to the mid-week worship service.

The Youth Board will be providing a taco bar for a freewill donation. Please join us for this time of fellowship and stay to worship at 7 pm.



YOUTH MINISTRY

All 7th - 12th graders are invited to be a part of St. Paul's Youth Ministry. We have Youth Nights on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month from 6 pm to 8 pm at the school campus. The next Youth Night will be **this Sunday, March 12th**.

In addition, 6th - 12th graders meet every Sunday morning for Youth Bible class between the church services (9:45-10:45 am). Extra events and fundraisers happen throughout the year so watch for details on other fun things coming up. Youth are encouraged to bring friends and adults are invited to get involved. Questions? Contact Sarah Cherry at sarahcherry30@yahoo.com or 815-651-6864.

MARCH FOR LIFE: SPRINGFIELD

The Illinois March for Life is **Tuesday, March 21st**.

- Matins service at Trinity Lutheran Church, Springfield (CID President Rev. Michael Mohr, preacher) at 10:30 a.m.
- Gather for the Rally on Capitol grounds at 12:00 p.m.
- Bring your pro-life gear and signs!
- Following the Rally, march with us around the Capitol at 1:00 p.m.

To make it easier, a charter bus has been rented for the day. Departure will be from Risen Savior Lutheran Church at 1881 W. Division in Manteno at 7 am. The bus will return to Manteno at 7 pm. The cost is \$10 per person and space is limited to the first 55 participants. To sign up to ride the bus, please go to: signupgenius.com/go/70A0549ADAF2FA1FF2-ilmarch. You may contact Pastor Cory Estby, NID Life Task Force Chairman, with any questions by emailing pastorestby@yahoo.com.



TABEA RUMMAGE SALE

We are now accepting donations for our semi-annual rummage sale. The spring sale will be **Thurs. & Fri., April 27th & 28th** from 8 am to 4 pm in the downtown gym. You may leave your treasures by the gym doors on Saturdays before the 5 pm service or you may schedule a time to drop off or pick up with Carol Ginger (815-922-5525) or Pat Baker (708-772-0933). Please DO NOT bring items to the school location. We respectfully ask that all donated clothing is clean. We cannot accept TVs or computers. The proceeds from our sales help purchase much needed supplies such as candles, wine, wafers, robes and other necessities that help enhance all church services. We thank you for your donations! May God bless you and your families for helping so faithfully.



SCAMS AND MORE SCAMS

Well, the scammers are out in force again. Same scam, different tact. Scammers like to use the names of people that folks trust, so pastors are high on that list. Recently, they are using texts (although they still use emails as well).


A request goes out to you and if you respond, there is usually a request to purchase a gift card for an emergency that has come up (The usual choice is an Amazon gift card or an Apple gift card). Then they want the numbers on the back, which basically gives them the ability to use the money to purchase whatever they want.

THIS IS A SCAM. Ignore them. Please know that we would NEVER send you a note asking for gift cards or money. If you receive one of these messages, supposedly from either of us and are unsure about it's authenticity, please call us at the office or at home.

Blessings,
Pastor Koeppen & Pastor Drinnon

EMPOWER ILLINOIS

Please see the insert with details about Empower Illinois and instructions. If you decide to contribute, please be sure to designate St. Paul's Lutheran School as the recipient. We are in Region 3. If you have any questions at all, please contact School Board Member Bill Burger at 815-545-1131 or bburger@ahwllc.com.



If you would like to publish an article or announcement in the April/May newsletter, please submit it no later than Wednesday, March 15th by emailing it to Christie at crahn@stpaulslutheran.net.

NEXT SUNDAY IS MITE SUNDAY

The LWML's mission grant for March is Lutheran Bible Translators (LBT). The majority of the Subula people of Cameroon are Muslims. A New Testament was translated into their language 40 years ago with no real difference. About five years ago, a revival happened. The Subula people are eager for a revised version of the New Testament and for the Old Testament to be translated. LBT has requested \$15,000 to translate fifteen chapters of Scripture to put God's Word in the hands of the Subula people.



OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE

February 25th & 26th

Worship Attendance:

Saturday, 5 pm	57
Sunday, 8:30 am	113
Sunday, 11:05 am	64
Weekend Total	234

Wed., Mar. 8 72

Adult Bible Class	31
Youth Bible Class	9
Children's Sunday School	19

Offerings Given (including Wed., Mar 1st):

General	\$18,975.50
Building	\$.5,085.00
School Ops	\$162.50

NEWS FROM PRAIRIEVIEW

* We are hiring in all departments. All job openings are posted at www.prairieviewlutheran.com/join-our-team

* We will be starting a new CNA class this summer at Prairieview. The class is free to Prairieview employees. Anyone who is interested is encouraged to apply for a position now. We have openings for activity aides, dining services staff, housekeepers and resident aides.

* For more information, call 815-269-2970.

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

Preacher: Rev. Roger Drinnon
Liturgist: Rev. Karl Koeppen
Organist: 5:00: Nadine Engel 8:30: Nadine Engel
Audio/Visual: 8:30: Todd Engel 11:05: Melody Trudeau
Live Streaming & Recording:
 Matt Callan, Tom Stirnaman, Brody Brinkmann
Lay Ministers: 5:00: Robert Carruthers
 8:30: Greg Deck, Rich Engel, Kevin Kurtz, Hill Love
 11:05: Bruce Clark
Lay Readers: 5:00: Diane Barber
 8:30: Bill Balgeman
 11:05: Mellody McDonald
Acolytes: 8:30: Nora & Seth McHugh
 11:05: Pippa & Rowen Dunnill
Trustees: 5:00: Mike Hatch
 8:30: Tom Stirnaman
 11:05: Jim Trudeau
Ushers: 5:00: Jim Sharper, Dawn Marie Tierney, Rob Wood
 8:30: Nick Baudino, Scott Styck, Chris Tomblin, Steve Weith
 11:05: Mike Callan, Dan Friesner, Bill Burger
Contemporary Service Song Leaders: Isaac Fabbro, Mellody McDonald
Extra Measure Band: Matt Callan, Bill Dyche, Duane & Gail Ferrebee, Scott Moore, Greg Ronchetto, Jim Stone, Ellana Turrell

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

Sun, Mar. 12	8:30 am 9:30 am 9:50 am 9:50 am 11:05 am 6:00 pm	Worship - Traditional Auction Basket Pick-Up Adult & Youth Bible Studies Children's Sunday School Worship - Contemporary Youth Night	(Bourb) (Bourb) (Bourb) (Bourb) (Bourb) (Bourb)
Mon, Mar. 13			
Tue, Mar. 14	8:30 am 4:00 pm 6:00 pm 6:30 pm	Circuit Meeting Jr. Confirmation Class School Board Meeting Faith & Membership Class	(Downtown/Bourb) (Bourb) (Bourb) (Bourb)
Wed, Mar. 15	5:30 pm 7:00 pm	NEWSLETTER DEADLINE Lenten Dinner (Taco Bar) Lenten Worship Service	(Bourb) (Downtown)
Thur, Mar. 16			
Fri, Mar. 17		GRANDPARENTS DAY EARLY DISMISSAL	
Sat, Mar. 18	5:00 pm 6:30 pm	Worship - Traditional - Communion Tables of Eight	(Downtown) (Various Homes)
Sun, Mar. 19	8:30 am 9:50 am 9:50 am 11:05 am	Worship - Traditional - Communion Adult & Youth Bible Studies Children's Sunday School Worship - Contemporary - Communion	(Bourb) (Bourb) (Bourb) (Bourb)

CHURCH & SCHOOL OFFICE (815-932-0312)
Office Hours: 8:00 A.M. TO 4:30 P.M.